

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner has objected to claims 4-6 because of certain informalities. Amendments to the claims have been made to overcome these informalities.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete. Claim 7 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-3 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by US 2004/0164179 (Corbett). With the present amendments to the claims, it is believed that this rejection has now been overcome. Amended claim 1 specifies the features of original claim 4 which had been indicated to be allowable. Claim 7 has been amended to specify that the stake includes the features of original claim 4.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, applicants submit that all of the rejections of applicants' claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and favorable action are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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